

REMARKS

This Amendment and Reply seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. Applicant has amended claims 10 and 43 to more fully claim certain of the inventions, and/or to more clearly set forth certain features of the inventions. The amendments and claims are fully supported by the application as filed. No new matter has been added. Should there be any question as to support for the amendments and/or new claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Office Action of January 23, 2008

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected certain claims as being obvious based on Wobben (WO 01/06121 and US 6,676,122, hereinafter "the '122 patent") in view of Kuhn et al. (US 4,017,698, hereinafter "the '698 patent") as well as other art). The Examiner found that claims 30, 32, 33 and 39 presented allowable subject matter and stated that such claims would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Finally, the Examiner allowed claims 40, 41 and 47.

The Combination of the '122 and '698 Patents**Does Not Render Obvious the Claimed Inventions**

The '122 patent, in combination with the '698 patent, does not render obvious the amended claims. In this regard, assuming for the sake of argument that one skilled in the art was to combine certain features of the '122 patent with certain features of the '698 patent, that combination would not include at least the following limitations:

- an air cooling duct, disposed within the pylon and physically coupled to the container, to provide air flow from the container (which accommodates the power module, which includes the transformer) via an inlet portion of the air cooling duct, wherein the air inlet portion of the air cooling duct is coupled to a surface of the container; and

- a first fan disposed at the inlet portion of the air cooling duct, to cause air to flow into the duct. (See, for example, amended claim 10).¹

With respect to amended claim 43, the combination of certain features of the '122 patent with certain features of the '698 patent (assuming that one skilled in the art would make such a combination) would not include at least the following limitations:

- an air cooling duct, disposed within the pylon and physically coupled to the water-tight container (which accommodates the power module, which includes the transformer), to provide air flow from the power module via an inlet portion of the air cooling duct, wherein the air cooling duct is, in part, mounted to or in thermal contact with an inner wall of the pylon, and wherein the air inlet portion of the air cooling duct is coupled to the water-tight container; and
- a first fan disposed at the inlet portion of the air cooling duct, to cause air to flow into the duct.¹

Neither the '122 patent nor the '698 patent include an air cooling duct which, among other things, is physically coupled to the water-tight container (which accommodates the power module) to provide air flow from the power module (which includes the transformer) via an inlet portion of the duct.

Moreover, it is Applicant's position that the '122 patent or the '698 patent do not disclose a fan which is disposed at the inlet portion of the air cooling duct to cause air to flow into the air cooling duct from the container (claim 10) and/or from the power module (claim 43).

Indeed, none of the other art of record provides help in these regards.

¹ No inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicant's response to this rejection is exhaustive. Moreover, no inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicant agrees with the Examiner's characterizations and/or positions regarding the art relied upon to reject the independent claims.

Dependent Claims

For the sake of brevity, this response neither presents the additional reasons/bases that the dependent claims are patentable over the combination of certain features of the '122 patent with certain features of the '698 patent -- whether or not including any additional features of the other art. However, for at least the reasons stated above, is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are patentable.²

Information Disclosure Statements

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's review of the art presented in the Information Disclosure Statements submitted to date.

Eighth Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant has submitted, in correspondence filed on June 4, 2008, an Eighth IDS. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Eighth IDS (including Form PTO-1449) is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner make his consideration of the references identified in the Eighth IDS formally of record with the next action.

Ninth Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant has submitted, in correspondence filed on June 13, 2008, a Ninth IDS. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Ninth IDS (including Form PTO-1449) is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner make his consideration of the references identified in the Ninth IDS formally of record with the next action.

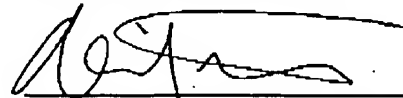
² No inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicant agrees with the rejections set forth in the Office Action with respect to the dependent claims -- even where such rejections or objection are not particularly, individually and/or specifically addressed herein. Moreover, no inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicant agrees with the Examiner's characterizations and/or positions regarding the art not specifically discussed herein but relied upon to reject the dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the application. Applicant submits that the pending claims present patentable subject matter and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

It is noted that should a telephone interview expedite the prosecution of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,



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